

## Big Blowout Bash:

# New PX a Hit With the Troops

By Spc. Marie Whitney

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Soldiers and civilians alike started lining up at the door at 9 a.m. Monday, eagerly awaiting the grand opening of the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service Post Exchange on Camp Victory. The line stretched longer than a football field before the doors opened, allowing anxious shoppers the opportunity to browse through

more than 30,000 square feet of sales space.

The 1st Cavalry Division Band provided the ambiance for the event, cranking out tunes throughout. There were jugs of free refreshments and bottles of non-alcoholic beer and cola. Hundreds of pounds of steak, ribs and burgers sizzled on grills for the waiting Soldiers.

At exactly 10 a.m., Col.

Keith Walker, chief of staff of the 1st Cavalry Division, cut the ribbon in front of the doorway, signifying the official opening. Soldiers then flooded through the door to begin their shopping in the new PX, which boasts six lines leading to 12 cash registers.

The PX building itself is not the only place to shop in the area though. Other smaller shops surround the main build-

ing, like a bazaar, a Burger King, a new car sales trailer, and barber, beauty, jewelry and rug shops.

"This is the biggest PX in Iraq," said Kim Cannady, an employee of AAFES who helped make this plan come to life. "[This PX] has the largest assortment [of merchandise] in the country. About fifty percent of the first tent is dedicated to

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**Soldiers lined up outside the new Post Exchange on Camp Victory North Monday for the chance to be among the first to peruse more than 30,000 square feet of shopping space. The new PX is the largest in Iraq.**

## AAFES Donates Food for Iraqis in Baghdad

CAMP BLACK JACK- The Army and Air Force Exchange Service donated more than \$14,000 of food recently to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 1st Cavalry Division for distribution throughout Baghdad.

According to Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Sorenson, 2nd BCT chaplain, the food will go a long way towards

reinforcing to the Iraqis that the coalition efforts are here to help.

Sorenson said the donation plays a valuable role in the unit's mission.

"[The food distribution by Soldiers] helps local Iraqis know that we care about them," he said. "We so appreciate AAFES going out of their way

to provide food to assist the unit in their mission to care for the people of Baghdad."

Dave Schloss, AAFES Baghdad's area manager said it's important for his organization to be a part of the rebuilding efforts here.

"We are proud to be part of the humanitarian nation building effort in Iraq by donat-

ing these food items to the Iraqi people who have lost so much during the tumultuous events that occurred in their country," Schloss said.

The donation, which included nuts, juice, candy, gum, cookies and other ready-to-eat snack items, will be handed out to Iraqi communities in the near future.





*'Lieutenant Steve, oh, Lieutenant Steve...'*

## Deep Down in His Heart, Officer Feels He's Funny

By Sgt. Dan Purcell

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CAMP WAR EAGLE—Live from the second floor of the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) via public address system, *'Lancer One News, Large and in Charge,'* blares across the compound as Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division interrupt their daily routines to listen to the evening broadcast.

The battalion's personnel and administration officer, Capt. Trent

Upton, puts together the *broadcast* to help keep morale high on the base camp.

"The purpose of the program is to provide daily news mixed with some light hearted entertainment for the soldiers to listen to. It was designed to break up the day and give them something to laugh at," the 33-year-old Upton said. The name of the program comes from his radio call sign, Lancer One, and the fact that his commander developed the idea.

"I was originally tasked to do this about a year and half ago," Upton said. "We primarily did this when we'd go on

field training exercises. I used to do it over the command net, but now that we are here I do it over the loud speakers so everyone can hear it."

Born and raised in Reedsville, Ohio, Upton used to participate in body building competitions on a local and state level, and claims he has never had any broadcasting training or experience... just his sense of humor.

"I've always considered myself to be creative," Upton said. "I'll sit down for about half an hour and think of something to do for the

next show. Sometimes, even, when I'm eating chow or taking a quick break something will pop into my head as a good character or skit to do, so I'll jot it down and develop it later."

Upton said that while some of his material is ad lib, he usually spends about 20 minutes to write a short script.

"Some of my ideas come from cartoons and TV shows like Saturday Night Live," he said. "Some of the characters I use include the Count from 'Sesame Street,' Golum from 'The Lord of the Rings,' Droopy the Dog and Bugs

Bunny cartoons."

In addition to his borrowed characters, Upton also uses a few original characters that are based on his experiences growing up in Ohio, like 'Farmer Dave' who closely resembles one of his neighbors in Reedsville.

"Specialist Neckbone is another one I made up," Upton said. "He gives the 'Guard Tower Report,' and talks about crazy stuff as seen from the guard tower. Then there is

'Lounge Lizard Larry,' who comes out sometimes and sings cheeky Las Vegas lounge songs. It's pretty bad, but I sing, too. It's all about making someone laugh."

Upton likes to keep his program topical, so he uses some real news, but he also makes up his own.

"For example, we had a herd of goats living [here] when we first moved in, but for health reasons we gave them to

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**-CPT Trent Upton, S1, 2-5 Cav.**



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**Capt. Trent Upton, battalion personnel and administration officer for 2nd Bn., 5th Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div., signs on from the Tactical Operations Center (TOC) at Camp War Eagle with "This is 'Lancer One, Large and in Charge,' with tonight's top stories..."**

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## Dedicated Efforts Bring PX to Life

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electronics."

Spc. Aileen Cervantes, a medic with the 1st Cavalry Division waited about 30 minutes to get into the store. It was worth it though, she said.

"I think it's useful. It's a lot better than the [Black Jack] PX. It has more of the stuff that I need," Cervantes said.

But the process of getting this PX ready for opening day was not an easy one for the AAFES employees.

"We had to change some of our initial specifications on [the inventory]," said Cannady. "Originally, the store was built for a population of 4,800 Soldiers. But now we're up to around 20,000."

Cannady said the back tent, which was originally planned as a storage room, had to be opened up to the public for more merchandise. Now, it

is a sort of warehouse area with tall shelves, full of products.

David Schloss, the general manager for the Camp Victory North PX was one of the speakers at the opening ceremony. He commented on what it took to make this PX come to life.

"The dedication of the North Victory military team working hand in hand with the AAFES team made today a reality," he said.

AAFES also held a raffle for many prizes; the largest of which being a new car and a TV set complete with speakers, a subwoofer and DVD player.

"It was a very good experience. With the band out here and the food, and the entertainment," Sgt. Heith Groth, a tanker with the 2nd Battalion 12th Regiment Cavalry said. "This PX is awesome, it's like being back at home and basically having everything you want."

## Humor Helps Lighten Soldiers' Loads

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some of the locals," Upton recalled. "So, one of my impromptu programs included Timmy the Billy Goat, the head of the herd. [He] filed a class action lawsuit against the [camp] mayor for lost wages and grazing rights."

A typical broadcast will vary in both its length and programming. It might include opening music by God Smack, then a news round up, followed by made up news using a variety of characters, and a sports report. A regular feature called "Moments in Time" with another character usually concludes the program.

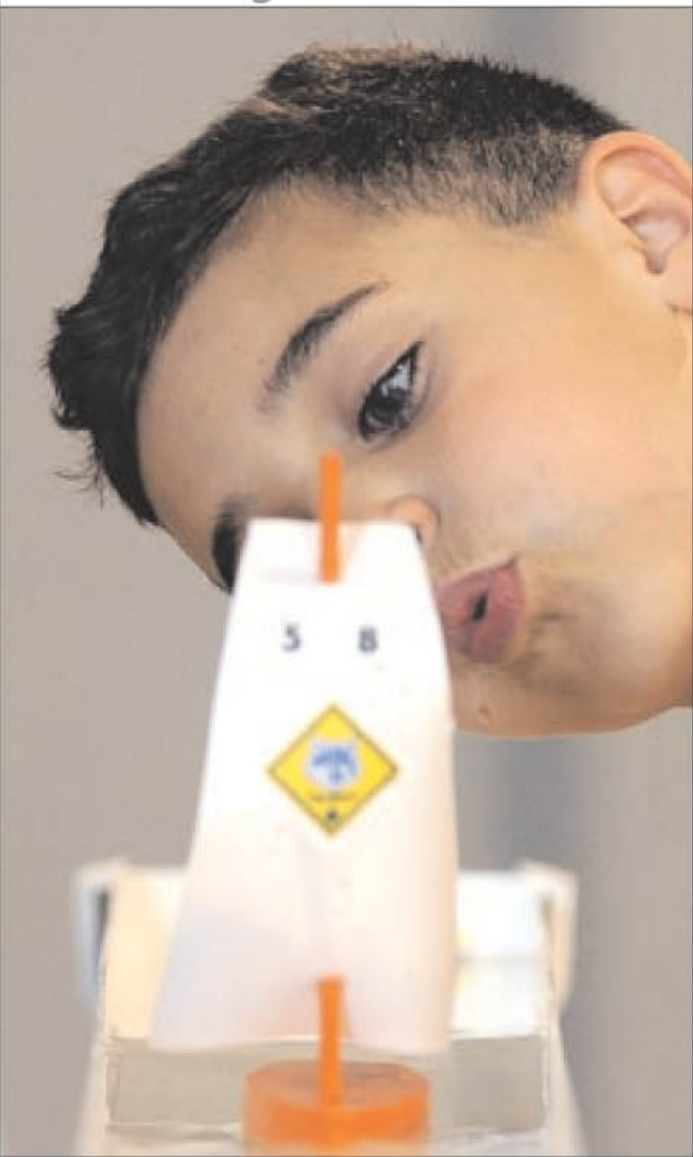
"It's kind of funny, because a lot of Soldiers don't know who 'Lancer One, Large

and in Charge,' is," Upton said. "I'll be standing in line for chow and I'll hear Soldiers talking about the news program, like 'Hey did you hear this or that, it was pretty funny.' I've gotten a lot of positive feedback."

Prior to his deployment with the 2-5 Cav., Upton, who is both an infantry officer and Airborne Ranger Qualified, was stationed in Korea and Hawaii. Along with his wife Angie and their several dogs, Upton now calls Killeen, Texas home.

"I hope that by doing this program I can give the guys a little humor in their day," Upton said. "[I try to] get their minds off what's going on here, and make them laugh a little."

## ► A Winning Burst of Air



Killeen Daily Herald

**Brandon Finley, a member of Tiger Club 274, tries his best to get his boat across the finish line while competing at the Rain Gutter Regatta during the Boy Scouts of America Scout-O-Rama on Saturday. Hundreds of local Scouts turned out for a day of competition and fun at the Killeen Special Events Center.**

### Tuesday

High: 106  
Low: 88



### Wednesday

High: 100  
Low: 86



### Thursday

High: 95  
Low: 80



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## Today in History

May 11

► From [historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

1812 British prime minister Spencer Perceval assassinated  
 1858 Minnesota enters the union as the 32nd state  
 1864 Confederate Cavalry General J.E.B. Stuart is mortally wounded  
 1969 Paratroopers battle for "Hamburger Hill"  
 1976 Long-running TV medical drama *Marcus Welby* airs last episode  
 1981 Reggae legend Bob Marley dies  
 1987 The Butcher of Lyon, Klaus Barbie, goes on trial for war crimes, charged with 177 crimes against humanity  
 1988 Irving Berlin's 100th birthday celebration held at Carnegie Hall  
 1997 IBM's supercomputer Deep Blue makes chess history by defeating Gary Kasparov, the chess champion widely regarded as the greatest who ever lived

## Harker Heights Golfer Bales to Compete at State

► From *Killeen Daily Herald*  
 KILLEEN, Texas- Josh Bales has mastered the fine art of playing golf very well and having fun while doing it.

The Harker Heights senior standout is taking that rather unusual skill all the way to the Roy Kizer Golf Club in Austin for the UIL State Golf Tournament, slated for Monday and Tuesday.

Most boys of Bales' age who play golf at this high a level have turned golf into some form of job in the hopes of benefits either at the collegiate level or even at the professional level.

But not Josh, who claims he will not even play golf at the collegiate level, competitively anyway.

But don't take his relaxed demeanor the wrong way.

"It's very important to him and he's worked hard to get to where he is," HHHS golf coach Dave Westfall said.

Playing since he could walk, Bales began playing in tournaments at age 10, but it took a while for his skills to develop.

For teenagers to play golf at this high a level, it takes not only strong physical abilities but even stronger mental facilities as well.

"He's been playing varsity golf for four years now and in that time, he's really learned how to control his emotions and how to use course management," Westfall said of Bales. "You look at his demeanor out there and you can't tell if he just birdied the hole or double-bogeyed it."

That trait was never better illustrated than at the Region III-4A Tournament in Huntsville two weeks ago, where Bales overcame a monster golf course, some tough weather conditions and an elite field of players to advance to Monday's state tourney.



Killeen Daily Herald

**Harker Heights senior Josh Bales hopes to use his golf skills to his advantage at the state tourney in Austin.**



## NBA

**CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS**  
**Pairings: Best of 7 games**  
**Eastern Conference**

Miami 94  
 Indiana 87  
 (Indiana leads series 2-1)

Detroit  
 New Jersey  
 (Detroit leads series 2-1)  
**Western Conference**

Sacramento  
 Minnesota  
 (Series tied at 1-1)

San Antonio  
 Los Angeles  
 (San Antonio leads series 2-1)



## NHL

**CONFERENCE FINALS**  
**Pairings: Best of 7 games**  
**Western Conference**

Calgary  
 San Jose  
 (Calgary leads series 1-0)

**Eastern Conference**  
 Philadelphia 6  
 Tampa Bay 2  
 (Series tied at 1-1)

## TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	Lizzie McGuire/ All That!	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	NBA Fastbreak/ NHL 2Night	Cinema Secrets/ Ebert & Roeper at the Movies
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:30	SPORTSCENTER	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
20:00	ESPNews/ Headline News	Men in Black	ESPNews/ Baseball Tonight 20:20	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	7th Heaven		SPORTSCENTER	Monk
22:00	Rush Hour 2	Postcards from the Edge	NHL-Playoffs-Conf. Finals Gm 2: Philadelphia Flyers @ Tampa Bay Lightning	The Practice